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Outline of presentation to be made by Director of Central Intelligence
at the Joint Orientation Course.

In the Central Intelligence Agency presentation we shall present not
only the military capabilities but a short talk on the Communist Party and
its tactics and counterintelligence moves to prevent and expose such tactics.

We feel there is not much use to give the military capabilities of
any countries other than Russia and the satellites because they are the
only group that in the foreseeable future present a threat to the United States.

In round numbers, the Russian military strength is: (army, navy, air);
and the satellite countries: (army, navy, air).

In comparison the United States military strength is: (army, navy, air)
and with the help of what appear to be our allies (Western Union) this
strength will be increased.

The Russian position should be emphasized as to its absolute position
which is less now than it was before the war and to its relative position
which, vis-a-vis the United States, is infinitely greater because Germany,
Italy and Japan have all disappeared as military powers and because the
military power of Great Britain and France is so much less than before the
war. Consequently, the Russian position, relatively speaking, is much
greater than it was in 1939.

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